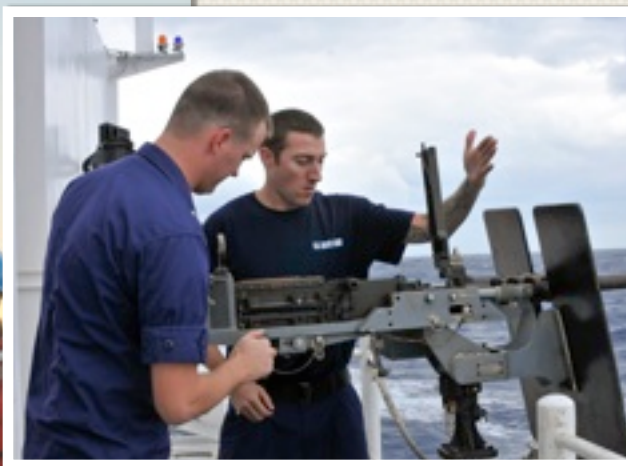


MOHAWK MONTHLY

Special thanks to Mr. Holzer for taking all of the photos enclosed.



Left: SN Mick, SN Morgan, SN Grizzard, and SN Cravin getting MOHAWK's small boat ready to be launched.
Right: MEI Orlowitz and MEI Van Riper preparing for a 50 caliber gun shoot.

Just three short weeks after arriving home conduct shipboard helicopter deck landing from Africa MOHAWK was out to sea again. training. Shipboard helicopter operations Although only gone for three weeks it was are a vital part of our mission and we need crucial to MOHAWK and the aviation to ensure qualifications are up to date community that MOHAWK get underway to both for the crew and for flight crews



HH-65A DOLPHIN SECURED ON MOHAWK'S DECK.



SN CRAVEN STANDING WATCH ON THE HELM.



SN MORGAN HONORING MORNING COLORS.

Deck Landing Qualification Round-Up

"You are clear for 10 touch and goes followed by one landing with talon engagement and primary tiedowns. Take signals from the LSO. GREEN DECK." This is a phrase that was said over a hundred times by the Helicopter Control Officer (HCO) to give permission for the helicopter to land. MOHAWK was the platform for Deck Landing Qualification (DLQ) Round-up week. DLQ Round-up which is a time set aside for the aviation community and cutter personnel to get personnel qualified in their watch positions and help already-qualified personnel remain current. Over the course of three days MOHAWK conducted over 100 day landings, 25 night landings, and 38 night vision goggle

evolutions. In addition, MOHAWK personnel conducted 5 hot refuels, 3 vertical replenishments (VERTREPs) and 2 Helo In Flight Refuelings (HIFRs). Congratulations to our newly qualified flight deck personnel!

Landing Signals Officer (LSO):

-ENS Timulak

Helicopter Control Officer (HCO):

-ETC Long

-OSC Nielson

Tiedown Teams:

-BM3 Fisher,

-SN Clark

-SN Pedroso

-SN Santiago

-SN Rosas

-SN Boulding



HH-65 OVERHEAD.



FLIGHT DECK TEAM COMPLETES FOD (FOREIGN OBJECT DEBRIS) WALK-DOWN BEFORE LANDING THE AIRCRAFT.



ANCIENT ORDER OF THE PTERODACTYL "ROOST"



Coast Guard Aviation Association Ancient Order of the Pterodactyl "Roost"

Upon completing DLQ Round-up off Jacksonville, MOHAWK steamed up the St. John's River and moored at the Riverfront Hyatt Hotel in the heart of downtown. Sitting on her flight deck was an MH-65 helicopter (complete with gunnery kit) from Helicopter Interdiction Squadron (HITRON) Jacksonville. The MH-65 is the helicopter that normally deploys with a cutter in

support of our drug interdiction mission. It was a great opportunity to show-off the "ship-helo package" to former aviators and to the public; MOHAWK hosted over 600 visitors during our stay downtown. (Photo courtesy of Ray Copin, CAPT (Ret.) USCG

Tiger Cruise

On our transit home from Jacksonville, FL 15 of MOHAWK's family and friends were able to join the crew on our three day voyage. Our 15 guests, or "TIGERS", got to live a day in the life of a Coastie and see what it is their loved ones do while out at sea. OS1 Carroll's father, Bob Carroll got to accompany us on our journey. "What a great experience! A parent, especially one that was never in the military, often wonders what his son/daughter is doing everyday. This was a

wonderful opportunity to see better for myself just some of what my son does for a living and for this country. The men and women on the Mohawk were such a great bunch of people to be around. Now, I might be wrong but I got a feeling that the wonderful moral of the people on this ship was a reflection of their captain. Great job everyone and thank you all for that experience. Oh, and the 50 caliber gun shoot was a blast!!" Thank you to all of the TIGERS for joining us.



SN MICK AND TEACHING HIS FRIEND CHARLIE HOW TO STEER THE SHIP.



YNI HOLZER AND HER FATHER



DC2 HUSBAND AND HIS SON, THOMAS.



SKC VALENTIN AND HIS NEPHEW, MICHAEL.



SN HICKS AND HER MOM, RHONDA.

Captain's Corner

Happy Holidays! Wow... how time flies. Seems like it was just yesterday that I was writing you about our upcoming trip to Africa, and now it's time for the Holidays. I am really glad that we will be able to be home where the crew can spend time with family, friends and loved ones. It's a great time of year to reflect on what we're thankful for and to look forward to new beginnings.

It's been a busy several months, but incredibly productive. Your MOHICANS have been rock stars – not just on ESPN, but also in Jacksonville and Nassau where they hosted tours for hundreds of people. They also hosted a great Tiger Cruise on the way home where they showed-off their skills to our guests. No doubt we gained a few new recruits out of that trip – and made more than one dad wish he was still sailing!

Wishing all of you and yours a peaceful and joyous holiday season and a healthy, prosperous, and healthy new year.

Jim Simpson Award

On November 6, 2010 Vice Admiral Parker presented MOHAWK with the 2009 CDR Jim Simpson Award. The CDR Jim Simpson Award recognizes excellence in a unit's overall public affairs program including media relations, community relations, and internal information. MOHAWK was the first place winner in the Afloat , Large category for the cutter's excellent marketing of photos and videos, proactive media outreach plan and our newsletter. MOHAWK is hungry to take the 2010 award for our media efforts during the Haitian earthquake and our African deployment.

MOHAWK LIVE ON THE MIKE AND MIKE SHOW



Top: Mike and Mike live on the MOHAWK's flight deck.

Middle: SN Jamison poses with Mike and Mike after the show.

Bottom: Crew of MOHAWK prepares to render honor to Colors on national TV.

On November 10, 2010 MOHAWK had the pleasure of hosting the popular ESPN morning talk show Mike and Mike in the Morning live from the flight deck. The sports talk show, which is on ESPN Radio and simulcast on ESPN2, is hosted by Mike Greenberg and former NFL player Mike Golic. They did their show from the MOHAWK as part of the America's Heroes: A Salute to Our Veteran's Tour. Each year during the week of Veterans Day they visit various military installations to show their support for the military. The crew of MOHAWK and surrounding units got to watch the show live as it covered a wide variety of sports topics and phone interview by actor Denzel Washington and football legend Roger Staubach. After the show the crew was able to chat with and take photos with Mike and Mike.

MOHAWK'S ALL STARS HIT THE FIELD



Top Left: SN Clark making contact with the ball.
 Middle: MOHAWK's softball team after a long weekend of softball.
 Top Right: MOHAWK's coach OSC Halliday deciding what to tell his team when their down.
 Bottom Right: OSI Andzelik makes a play for the final out of the inning.

Special thanks to OSI Carroll for taking all of the softball photos inclosed.

The crew of CGC MOHAWK put together a team to compete in District Seven's annual Admiral's Cup Softball Tournament the weekend of Nov 11th. This is the second year in a row that a team from MOHAWK has participated. It was a well put together tournament by the District Seven MWR Program.

CGC MOHAWK's team started preparing months in advance by submitting a roster and scheduling practices. After several practices, MOHAWK was ready to hit the field and make it count! The tournament was held in Plantation, FL over Veteran's Day Weekend, which was the perfect time for Veterans to come together and honor

those who serve and have served our country. The 16 teams that participated were separated into two different groups based on Unit size. MOHAWK was placed in the Command Bracket, and faced some challenging teams. Though MOHAWK's team didn't finish as high as as they did last year, the entire team had a great time, bringing back memories of their glory days on the diamond.

Special thanks to OSC Halliday, the team coach, ME2 Brad Wolf for organizing the purchase of new uniforms, and OS1 Ryan Andzelik for putting the CGC MOHAWK team together. GO MOHAWK!

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR MOHICANS and THEIR FAMILIES

HOLIDAY PARTY

ON Monday the 20th of December MOHAWK will be holding a Holiday Party at Finnagan's Wake Restaurant at 6:00pm. The Holidays are a great time to get together with friends and celebrate all the great things that have happened this year and all that are soon to come in the New Year! There will be a great sumptuous meal and time to get to know other Mohicans and their families!

Crew members and their dependents can RSVP to:

patricia.g.ohle@uscg.mil so we can ensure we have enough food!